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ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

School districts have been informed by the State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences of the need to develop management plans under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), federal legislation for preventing asbestos hazards in schools.

While the old act dealt only with friable asbestos, AHERA addresses both friable and nonfriable asbestos. If your district was judged to be free of asbestos, it was only for friable, not nonfriable asbestos.

Inspections and management plans must be undertaken only by people certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The deadline for submitting management plans to DHES is October 12, 1988.

AHERA rules will be final on October 17, 1987, with the published version to follow in November or December. To gain a perspective of the new regulations, each school district should refer to the proposed rules for AHERA in the *Federal Register*, Part III Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763: Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools; Proposed Rule and Model Accreditation Plan: Rule, April 30, 1987. The document can be obtained by writing: Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Attn. Dave Combs, 8AT-TS, 1 Denver Place, 999 18th St., Denver, CO 80202-1744 (303) 293-1744.

For more information on AHERA and asbestos clean-up, contact Tom Ellerhoff, DHES, Cogswell Building, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59620 (444-3948).

CHILDEN'S AUTHOR TOPS READING COUNCIL AGENDA

The Montana State Reading Council will hold its annual conference October 15-16 at the Colonial Inn in Helena. "Reading: A Carnival of Ideas" will be highlighted by a keynote address from award-winning children's book author, Katherine Paterson. Among Paterson's books are *The Great Gilly Hopkins* and *Bridge to Terbithia.*

Preregistrations are due by October 1, but you may register at the door. For information, contact Connie Denler, PO Box 172, Clancy, MT 59634.

WOMEN'S HISTORY CONFERENCE

"Molders and Shapers: Montana Women as Community Builders," a conference sponsored by the Montana Division of the American Association of University Women, the Montana Historical Society and the Montana Committee for the Humanities, explores the contributions of women to Montana history and heritage. The conference will be held in Helena, November 13-15. Continuing education credits are available.

For information, contact P.S., A Partnership, 1104 S. 5th St., Bozeman, MT 59715.

AASA TO HONOR SUPERINTENDENTS

A national Superintendent of the Year will be announced at the February 1988 conference of the American Association of School Administrators. AASA also will name Superintendents of the Year from each state, based on the recommendations of state affiliates.

The new recognition program is designed to honor the outstanding efforts of the nation's school leaders. Application packets were mailed in September, to be completed by October 15. State associations will select a state winner, whose name will be passed on to the national competition. ServiceMaster, a partner in the program, will offer a $10,000 scholarship to a student in the national winner's high school or high school in the winner's area. The Superintendent of the Year also will receive a $1,000 savings bond and other prizes.

For more information, contact AASA, 1801 N. Moore St., Arlington, VA 22209.

HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIPS

The Council for Basic Education offers teachers grades 9-12 an opportunity for six weeks of independent scholarly study in the humanities in the summer of 1988. Applicants must be in at least their fifth year of full-time teaching, with at least three-fifths of their schedules in the humanities in grade 9-12. They must hold a master's degree or show equivalent evidence of continuing professional growth in the field.

For applications and information, contact the Council for Basic Education, 725 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005. The deadline is December 1.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

You are reminded that applications are available for the U.S. Department of Education's 1987-88 National Elementary School Recognition Program, which honors schools across the country. The elementary school program alternates years with secondary school recognition.

Forms may be obtained from Barbara Patrick, Elementary Education Specialist, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620. Completed forms must be returned to OPI by November 15.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROFILES

High school seniors who are making plans to finance their postsecondary education will find *The Student Guide: Five Federal Financial Aid Programs* very useful. Compiled by the U.S. Consumer Information Center, the guide profiles financial aid options such as Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Guaranteed Student Loans and Work Study programs.

For copies of the free booklet, write F.M. James, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009, and ask for Item 503R.

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION RESOURCES

Surveys of American students show that they understand their *rights* but not their *responsibilities* as citizens, a trend that underscores the importance of citizenship education in public schools. A booklet from the American Association of School Administrators will help you keep this study alive throughout and beyond the Constitution Bicentennial.

Citizenship: Goal of Education stresses the need for students to see themselves as participating members of a democratic society--in the family, school, community, state, nation and world.

The booklet is available for $7.95 plus $3.50 for postage/handling from AASA Publications, 1801 N. Moore St., Arlington, VA 22209.

ENERGY EDUCATION MINI-GRANTS

You are reminded that October 31 is the deadline for submitting proposals for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's Energy Education Mini-Grant Program for innovative classroom projects in energy education. For information, contact Peggy Nelson, DNRC, 1520 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AND LAW BOOK AVAILABLE SOON

The *Directory of Montana Schools* and the *School Laws of Montana* are being printed and should be available on October 5 and November 15 respectively. (These are the earliest publication dates in recent memory!)

Copies of the directory will be mailed to each school. Law books can be ordered from Tom Simmons, Purchasing Agent, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, Montana 59620; cost of the law book is once again being held to $8 per copy.

ADMINISTRATOR LIST UPDATE

Because of the early schedule for printing the *Directory of Montana Schools*, we were unable to wait until all administrative vacancies had been filled. The following are names of recent additions to the administrative ranks in Montana:

Lolo Elementary District No. 7, Missoula County: Acting Superintendent and Acting Principal Grades K-5, James Julin; Acting Principal Grades 6-8, Orville Getz.

Lincoln County High School District, Lincoln County: Superintendent Ron Blake (one-year assignment; Mr. Blake is also Superintendent of Eureka Elementary District No. 13).

Clancy Elementary District No. 1, Jefferson County: Acting Superintendent, Dr. Paul Palm.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN TALENT SEARCH DEADLINE

Applications for the Rocky Mountain Talent Search must be postmarked *no later than November 20* for participation. The Talent Search seeks to identify students grades 7 and 8 who reason very well in mathematics and/or verbal areas. Students who show academic aptitude will be eligible to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-M, SAT-V, and the Test of Standard Written English), normally designed for above average 11th and 12th graders.

All middle school administrators and counselors should have received Talent Search information. If the information has not been received, call Nancy Lukenbill, Specialist, Gifted and Talented Programs, Office of Public Instruction, 444-4422.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The annual Voice of Democracy contest, now in its 41st year, is again being offered to students in grades 10-12. The contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary, in cooperation with the Montana Broadcasters Association. Last year Jaymee Rickey a student at Butte High School, earned sixth place and $1,000 in the national competition.

To enter, students submit a 3-5 minute, taped speech to a panel of judges. Winners at the local and district levels receive savings bonds and other awards. The state winner receives an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March to compete for seven national scholarships totaling $33,500. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has again placed this program on its advisory list of national contests and activities.

This year's theme is "America's Liberty--Our Heritage," and the deadline for entries is November 15. Students interested in the program should contact their principal or the local VFW or its Ladies Auxiliary.

MISSING CHILDREN INFORMATION

Twice a year we publish the entire missing children list from the Department of Justice's Missing Children Program. That list is included as a separate sheet this month.

For your information we are also including here a copy of Section 44-2-511, MCA, School enrollment procedures to aid identification of missing children. This law was passed by the 1987 legislative session.

If you have questions about the law or the Missing Children Program, call Bill Erwin, Department of Justice, Helena, 444-3625.

44-2-511. School enrollment procedures to aid identification of missing children. (1) When a child enrolls in a school district for the first time, the school district shall:

(a) require that the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian present to the school, within 40 days of enrollment, proof of identity of the child; and

(b) request the appropriate school records of the child from the previous school attended by the child. The school enrolling the child shall make the request within 40 days of enrollment of the child.

(2) If a child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian does not present the proof of identity required in subsection (1) within 40 days of enrollment or if the school district does not receive the school records of the child within 60 days of enrollment, the school shall notify the missing children information program provided in 44-2-503 and a local law enforcement authority of the fact that no proof of identity has been presented for the child.

(3) A school district that receives a request for the school records of a child shall transfer the records to the requesting school as soon as possible.

(4) When a school district receives a notice from a law enforcement authority, parent, guardian, or legal custodian that a child who is or has been enrolled in that school has been reported as a missing child, the school district shall:

(a) flag in some manner the student records of the child; and

(b) notify the missing children information program and a local law enforcement authority if a request for the school records is received from another school district.

(5) If it is necessary for a local law enforcement authority to conduct an investigation on a missing child, school personnel may not inform the person claiming custody of the child of the investigation while it is being conducted.

(6) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "proof of identity" means a certified copy of a birth certificate, a certified transcript or similar student records from the previous school, or any documentary evidence that a school district considers to be satisfactory proof of identity; and

(b) "school district" means a school district as defined in 20-6-101 or a nonpublic elementary school or high school in the state.

CALENDAR

Oct. 14-16--Conference on Educational Leadership (MASBO, MASA, SAM), Kalispell (SAM, 442-2510)

Oct. 15-16--MEA Conference, Billings (David Hartman, MEA, 442-4250)

Oct. 15-16--MT Federation of Teachers Conference, Butte (Eileen Egeland, MFT, 442-2123).

Oct. 15-16--Montana Reading Council Conference, Helena (Connie Denler, PO Box 172, Clancy, MT 59634)

Oct. 26-27--Rural and Small Schools Conference, Manhattan, Kansas (913-532-5566)

Nov. 12-13--Board of Public Education, Helena (442-6576)

Nov. 16-22--Children's Book Week

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